

PLATFORM-INDEPENDENT PROGRAMMABLE  
BATCH PROCESSING ENGINE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A data processing system includes a multitude of client computers and server computers, of various platform types, interconnected by a network. A batch processing engine permits an application resident on a client computer to specify processing to be performed by one or more of the computers connected to the network, regardless of the platform type of such computers. The batch processing engine is implemented in part by middleware.

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